

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

II-10 ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS

Policy:

- To establish guidelines for the oral administration of medication.

Equipment:

- PPE
- Medication.
- Cup with water

Procedure:

- Don PPE
- Assemble all necessary supplies
- Check for the six rights of medication administration as well as:
 - Abnormal color
 - Contamination
- Confirm the order – dosage by writing it down.
- Ascertain if the patient has an allergy to the medication being administered.
- Wait until ambulance is stopped
- Give patient medication and water
- Direct patient to swallow medication and follow with water
- Watch to see that medication is swallowed
- Monitor patient for desired therapeutic effects and/or possible complications

Documentation:

- Who performed tas.
- PPE and equipment used
- Name, concentration – dosage of medication
- Any complications or undesired side effects
- Were desired therapeutic effects attained?
- Time medication was administered